

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) An electric food slicer disposable in at least a storable configuration and an operable configuration, comprising a base portion movably connected to an operating portion, wherein said slicer excluding its cutting blade for processing foodstuffs is made principally of plastics or polymeric materials of relatively light weight, and wherein said slicer further comprises a locking means adapted to secure the relative position of said base portion and said operating portion in either said operable configuration or said storable configuration.
2. (Currently Amended) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said operating portion comprises said cutting blade.
3. (Original) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said locking means comprises at least one bolt movable between two positions adapted to secure the relative position of said base portion and said operating portion, or maintain said storage configuration of said slicer.

4. (Original) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said bolt is adapted to be received in a recess of an engaging means, and when said bolt is received in said recess the relative position of said base portion and said operating portion is secured.

5. (Original) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said bolt is connected to a switch operable by a user for adjusting the position of said bolt.

6. (Original) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said bolt is comprised in said base portion.

7. (Original) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said engaging means defining said recess is comprised in said operating portion.

8. (Original) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising a handle.

9. (Original) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said base portion and said operating portion are pivotably connected together.

10. (Original) An electric food slicer as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said plastics or polymeric materials are selected from a group comprising acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS), polypropylene (PP) and polycarbonate (PC).